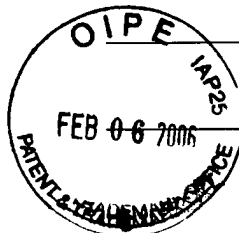


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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

A listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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